

# News Release



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## OPTIONS OPEN FOR TOM'S d'ETAT FOLLOWING CLARK VICTORY

**LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Saturday, Nov. 30, 2019)** – A lot of options remain on the table for **G M B Racing's Tom's d'Etat** following his powerful 3 1/4-length victory in Friday's 145<sup>th</sup> running of the \$600,000 Clark Presented by Norton Healthcare (Grade I).

"It was an absolutely thrilling night," trainer **Al Stall Jr.** said Saturday morning. "He came out of the race in really good shape and we're still very excited."

"With this win he has a lot of next options open but most importantly we're going to let him tell us what to do next. Races like the (\$20 million) Saudi Cup (on Feb. 29), (\$12 million) Dubai World Cup (on March 28) or (\$9 million) Pegasus World Cup (on Jan. 25) could make sense. Or, if there's a stud deal that could be an option as well. We'll keep everything on the table but he'll tell us how soon and where to go next."

Tom's d'Etat moved to millionaire status with his victory in the Clark with earnings of \$1,236,572. The 6-year-old son of Smart Strike boasts a record of 9-2-1 in 16 starts.

Stall reported that Tom's d'Etat will likely join his string of horses at Fair Grounds in the upcoming days.

**FALL MEET JOCKEY, TRAINER, OWNERS RACES COMING DOWN TO FINAL TWO DAYS** – The race for the leading jockey, trainer and owner of the 2019 Fall Meet at Churchill Downs will be decided over the last two days of racing with jockey **Corey Lanerie**, trainer **Steve Asmussen** and owner **Bob Lothenbach's Lothenbach Stables** holding leads in their respective divisions.

Lanerie entered Saturday's 12-race program with a 30-25 win lead over **Tyler Gaffalione** in the jockey standings. Gaffalione won the 2018 Fall Meet over Lanerie. **Julien Leparoux** was in third with 22 wins. Lanerie had 23 mounts over the next two days while Gaffalione was scheduled to ride seven on Saturday but will be at Southern California's Del Mar for Sunday's closing day riding **Got Stormy** in the \$300,000 Matriarch Stakes (GI).

In the trainer's race, Asmussen held a four-win margin over **Brad Cox** 18-14 with **Ian Wilkes** in third with nine wins. Asmussen is searching for his 22<sup>nd</sup> title at Churchill Downs while Cox is on the hunt for his fourth. Asmussen had 20 entries over the final two days of racing while Cox had eight.

Lothenbach Stables held a 7-4 win lead over **Calumet Farm**, **Sagamore Farm** and **Ten Strike Racing** in the owner's standings. Lothenbach Stables had five entries on Saturday and no entries on Sunday. Calumet Farm is the only owner who can catch Lothenbach Stables with five entries over the closing two days.

**'ALL OTHER 3-YEAR-OLDS' REMAINS HEAVY FAVORITE IN KENTUCKY DERBY FUTURE WAGER** – Through two days of wagering on the Kentucky Derby Future Wager, the No. 24 betting choice of "All Other 3-Year-Olds" is the heavy even-money favorite as the first pool enters the final two-day stretch.

Individually, **Sackatoga Stable's** heavy \$300,000 Kentucky Jockey Club (Grade II) favorite **Tiz the Law** was 11-1 followed by **Albaugh Family Stables'** \$200,000 Iroquois Stakes (Grade III) winner **Dennis' Moment** at 12-1.

The Kentucky Derby Sire Future Wager saw offspring of Constitution held early favoritism at 5-1 with "All Other Sires" the second choice at 6-1.

To wager on the Kentucky Derby Future wager and Sire Future Wager, which closes Sunday at 6 p.m., visit [www.twinspires.com](http://www.twinspires.com)

Free past performances are available for both pools, courtesy of Brisnet.com: [Kentucky Derby Future Wager Pool 1 PPs](http://Kentucky Derby Future Wager Pool 1 PPs); [Kentucky Derby Sire Future Wager PPs](http://Kentucky Derby Sire Future Wager PPs).

For more information on the Kentucky Derby Future Wager, visit [www.kentuckyderby.com](http://www.kentuckyderby.com).

**CHURCHILL DOWNS, FAIR GROUNDS TO OFFER 'FLEUR DE LIS' PICK 4 SATURDAY** – For the second consecutive year, Churchill Downs Racetrack and Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots will team to offer horseplayers a cross-track Pick 4 on Saturday.

Billed as the “Fleur de Lis Pick 4,” bettors will be required to pick the winners of four races late Saturday afternoon: two races at Fair Grounds in New Orleans, La. and two stakes events at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky.

The minimum wager on the Fleur de Lis Pick 4 is 50 cents. Fair Grounds will serve as host of the wager.

Here’s the sequence for the unique Fleur de Lis Pick 4:

- Leg 1: Fair Grounds Race 7 (4:35 p.m. ET)
- Leg 2: Churchill Downs Race 9 (4:57 p.m. ET)
- Leg 3: Fair Grounds Race 9 (5:35 p.m. ET)
- Leg 4: Churchill Downs Race 11 (5:56 p.m. ET)

The opening leg from Fair Grounds is a first-level allowance for 3-year-olds and up at 1 1/16 miles on turf (an oversubscribed field of 14), while the third leg is the \$75,000 Richard R. Scherer Memorial for fillies and mares at 5 1/2 furlongs on the grass (an oversubscribed field of 12). The second and fourth legs from Churchill Downs are the Golden Rod and Kentucky Jockey Club.

The Fleur de Lis is a symbol that is deeply ingrained in the history of both Louisville and New Orleans and has traditionally been used to represent French royalty. The English translation for the French “fleur-de-lis” is flower of the lily.

**DOWN THE STRETCH** – There was a \$54,621 carryover in the 20-cent Single 6 Jackpot into Saturday’s program. The Single 6 sequence began in Race 7. There was also a \$15,512 carryover in the Super Hi 5 in Race 12. First post was 1 p.m. Sunday’s card will feature a mandatory payout to close the Fall Meet. ... Jockey **Jon Court** will be off his mounts Saturday due to a minor hip injury.

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